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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 6 LINE 7 NOW, VICE NOWN,)

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SUBJECT: AN-NAHAR PUBLISHER SPEAKS OUT ON POSSIBILITY OF COUP  
IN LEBANON

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE  
FULL TEXT OF AN ARTICLE APPEARING JUNE 9 IN THE INDEPENDENT  
BEIRUT DAILY AN-NAHR. WRITTEN BY EDITOR-PUBLISHER GHASSAN TUENI,  
THE ARTICLE WAS TITLED "TIME--AWAITING A COUP--WHO WILL CARRY  
IT OUT?" IT HAS PROVOKED WIDESPREAD DISCUSSION IN LEBANESE  
POLITICAL CIRCLES. EMBASSY COMMENTS TO FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

AFTER ONE WEEK, INDEED MORE THAN TEN DAYS, OF DECLARATIONS  
AND ANALYSES, ALL OF WHICH GO AROUND IN THE SAME VICIOUS CIRCLE,  
OBSERVERS ARE WONDERING WHAT IS KEEPING THE OFFICIALS FROM  
REACHING A RESULT--ANY RESULT.

EVERYTHING IS KNOWN. NOT ONE SINGLE ELEMENT REMAINS UNKNOWN.

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SO WHAT THEY ARE WAITING FOR?

THEY SAY THEY ARE WAITING FOR 'TIME'--TIME, WHICH IS ALL-  
IMPORTANT FOR SOME RULERS.

BUT IS TIME REALLY ON THE SIDE OF THE RULERS--THESE RULERS?

"A FRIEND OF MINE TOLD ME YESTERDAY, 'TIME IS WHAT YOU FILL IT  
WITH.'

THIS WAS DURING A CONVERSATION I HEARD, IN WHICH MY FRIEND  
ALLEGED THAT SOMETHING IS FILLING THIS TIME WHICH THE RULERS  
ARE LOSING AND THAT WE AND THE RULERS ARE NOT AWARE OF IT.

THIS IS WHAT I REMEMBER OF THIS CONVERSATION:

# IF THE CRISIS PERSISTS, YOU CAN EXPECT TO HEAR 'COMMUNIQUE  
NO. 1' ONE MORNING.

# IN LEBANON, COUPS D'ETAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE, AS IS A MILITARY  
REGIME. EVEN A GOVERNMENT OF MILITARY MEN--LOOK WHAT HAPPENED  
TO IT AND WHAT IT DID.

# YOU MEAN THAT A COUP D'ETAT IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF CONFESS-  
IONALISM AND THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY HAS BECOME, BECAUSE OF THE WAY  
THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, THE ARMY OF HALF OF LEBANON--  
THE ARMY OF THE CHRISTIANS, AND THEREFORE IT CANNOT TAKE OVER  
POWER WITHOUT CAUSING THE OTHER HALF AND THOSE WHO ARE WITH IT  
TO REVOLT?

# YES, OF COURSE. I MEAN ALL THIS AND MORE. I MEAN PARTICULARLY  
THE INABILITY OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT ITSELF, NOT TO SPEAK  
OF A MILITARY REGIME, EVEN TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND RESTORE CALM  
WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A CIVILIAN POLITICAL AUTHORITY, EVEN  
IF IT IS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL, LIKE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DESIGNATED  
PRIME MINISTER (WHO HAS NO AUTHORITY AND IS NONETHELESS EXERCIS-  
ING THE AUTHORITY OF 'GUIDANCE').

# HOW SIMPLE MINDED YOU ARE. DO YOU THINK THAT A MILITARY  
REGIME WOULD COME IN THE SAME WAY THE GOVERNMENT OF MILITARY  
MEN CAME? LISTEN:

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FIRST: THE COUP D'ETAT WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST ALL POLITICIANS  
WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND AGAINST THE REGIME, AT LEAST EXPLICITLY,  
EVEN IF IMPLICITLY IT HAPPENED IN ITS SHADOW AND THEN TURNED  
AGAINST IT IN FACT, AS HAPPENED IN CAIRO. THIS WOULD SATISFY  
THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE, WHO HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THE RULING  
CLASS AND HAVE BEGUN TO BLAME IT FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT  
IS NOT HAPPENING.

SECOND: IN APPEARANCE, IN APPEARANCE AT LEAST, THE COUP WOULD HAVE A LEFTIST CHARACTER, AND WOULD STEAL THE SLOGANS OF THE 'REFORMERS', WHICH ARE SUITABLE FOR LEFT AND RIGHT ALIKE. THE LEFT AND THE MUSLIMS WOULD BE SATISFIED, AS WOULD THE RADICAL CHRISTIANS BECAUSE OF THE REGRETTABLE EQUATION THEY WOULD SET UP BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THEMSELVES. THE FRONT MEN WOULD BE REFORMIST OFFICERS--PROGRESSIVES, CLEAN, STRONG, AND NEW, WHO COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF ANY CONFESSIONALISM OR ANY AFFILIATION.

THIRD: THE FIRST COMMUNIQUE WOULD INCLUDE ALL THE GUARANTEES AND ASSURANCES SATISFACTING TO 'THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE' FROM RESULT FOR THE CAIRO AND MELKART AGREEMENTS TO THE NECESSITY OF HELPING THE ARMY TO ACHIEVE ITS HISTORIC ROLE IN DEFENDING THE TERRITORIES AND THE NATION (WHICH THE CORRUPT POLITICIANS WERE NOT ABLE TO DO) TO 'LEBANON'S ORGANIC COMMITMENT TO SACRED PALESTINE CAUSE' TO THE REST OF WHAT EVERYBODY HAS SAID AND SHEIKH PIERRE GEMAYEL HIMSELF HAS REPEATED OVER AND OVER IN PHALANGE STATEMENT, DECLARATIONS, AND ANNUAL CONGRESS REPORTS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

FOURTH: THE COUP LEADERS WOULD FIRST CONTACT THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP TO ESTABLISH JOINT COMMITTEES WITH IT AND WOULD BEGIN THEIR WORK SERIOUSLY AS ONLY MILITARY MEN CAN DO IN THIS FRAMEWORK... IN ADDITION TO ANY JOINT SECRET PLANS THAT COULD BE AGREED UPON TO LIQUIDATE THE 'UNDISCIPLINED ELEMENTS' WITHOUT MAKING ANY FUSS.

FIFTH: A STATE OF EMERGENCY WOULD FACILITATE THE MISSION OF THE MILITARY REGIME VIS-A-VIS THE PALESTINIANS AND ARAB COUNTRIES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS IN LEBANON. A STATE OF EMERGENCY WOULD INEVITABLY BE DECLARED, AND CENSORSHIP OF THE PRESS WOULD FOLLOW IT.

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SIXTH: EVERYTHING WOULD BE COVERED WITH A SINCERE PRESS CAMPAIGN THAT WOULD WELCOME OUR EMERGENCE AT LONG LAST FROM THE POLITICAL WHIRLPOOL AND THE ROTTEN GAME, WHICH IS AS ROTTEN AS ITS HEROES, AND OUR ARMY'S REVOLT AGAINST THE RULERS AND SOME OF THE LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO DIS-HONOUR EVERYTHING, INCLUDING 'THE BRAVE ARMY'.

NOWN, SECURITY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE SHADOW OF THE GUNS. LEBANESE AND ARAB VALUES WOULD BE PRESERVED. INDEMNITIES WOULD BE PAID TO THOSE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES. THE ARMY WOULD COME DOWN TO THE PORT AND PUT THE OFFICIALS IN JAIL AND UNLOAD THE SHIPS. IT WOULD PROTECT TOURISM AND REVIVE THE ECONOMY VERY EASILY AND WOULD EVEN START TO REPAIR SOME ROADS.

SEVENTH: LITTLE BY LITTLE, THE ARRESTS WOULD START, PERHAPS AFTER

THE COUP LEADERS HAD ATTEMPTED, FOR THE SAKE OF APPEARANCES, TO COOPERATE WITH SOME PARTIES OR HAD PRETENDED TO TRY TO FORCE THEM TO COOPERATE TOGETHER IN A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY FAIL. THEN, ALL PARTIES WOULD BE DISSOLVED AND ALL ARMS CONFISCATED, AND THE NECESSITY OF FORMING A SINGLE NATIONAL PARTY IN WHICH ALL WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND ESTABLISHING A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY THAT ALL CITIZENS WOULD BE CALLED TO ELECT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED.

"OF COURSE THE CONVERSATION DID NOT END."

MY FRIEND INTERRUPTED HIS 'REVOLUTIONARY' FRIEND BEFORE HIS DREAM COULD SEE DAYLIGHT.

HE KEPT TELLING HIM THAT THIS CANNOT HAPPEN IN LEBANON AND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, WHILE HIS REVOLUTIONARY FRIEND KEPT SAYING THAT PEOPLE SAID SUCH THINGS ABOUT THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF A COUP IN PORTUGAL, IN CYPRUS, AND IN GREECE, NOT TO MENTION EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, AND EVERY ARAB COUNTRY THAT HAS WITNESSED COUPS WITHIN THE LAST 25 YEARS. ALL OF THEM SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

AND OF COURSE, THE CONVERSATION DID NOT END THERE.

LEBANESE ARGUMENTS AGAINST A COUP ARE MANY, AND WE HAVE NO NEED TO REPEAT THEM.

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MANY ALSO ARE THE REASONS WHY A COUP WOULD FAIL EVEN AFTER IT HAPPENED, AS HAPPENED IN GREECE AND CYPRUS.

BUT THE COUP WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE, AND NOTHING WOULD BE THE SAME AGAIN "".

"WHY ALL THIS TALK NOW?"

SO WE CAN SAY THAT TIME IS NOT ON THE SIDE OF THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATEALONGE, NOR EVEN ON THE SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT SOMEBODY MAY STEAL 'TIME' FROM THOSE WHO HAVE IT.

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YES, SO WE CAN CALL ATTENTION TO THIS AND TO THE DANGER OF  
RAISING CERTAIN QUESTIONS WHICH INCITE THE ARMY OR INCITE  
AGAINST IT, IN ADDITION TO INCITING PEOPLE TO CALL UPON IT TO SAVE  
US FROM THOSE WHO INCITE, SOME OF WHOM MIGHT BE THE FIRST TO  
APPLAUD SUCH A DELIVERANCE EVEN IF THEY KNOW THAT IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE THEY WILL CRY TEARS OF BLOOD INSTEAD OF CRYING FOR JOY.

"IS THIS THE REASON FOR THIS TALK?

NO, IT IS FOR SOMETHING MORE--SO WE CAN TELL THOSE CON-  
CERNED WITH MINISTERIAL CRISIS THAT THEY ARE IN A RACE  
WITH TIME, A RACE AGAINST IT.

TIME IS THIS VACUUM IN WHICH WE ARE LIVING IN POLITICS,  
ECONOMICS, SOCIAL LIFE, AND PARTICULARLY SECURITY.

'TIME' IS THIS FRIGHT WHICH EMPTIES OUR LIVES AND THE CITY  
OF ANY LIFE.

'TIME' IS THE ENEMY OF CONFSSIONAL AND PARTISAN SELFISH-  
NESS WHICH PLAYS WITH THE LIVES AND SECURITY OF PEOPLE AND WITH  
THE FATE OF LEBANON AND ITS FUTURE.

AND ON AND ON. 'TIME' MAKES ALL THESE SLOGANS THAT HAVE  
BEEN RAISED RIPE AND URGENT DEMANDS AWAITING SOMEONE TO  
MEET THEM. SO, WHO WILL BE THE ONE TO MEET THEM?

"UNTIL RECENTLY, MR. KARAME TALKED ABOUT INSTITUTIONS,  
THE CONSTITUTION, CONFSSIONALISM, CHEHABISM, AND PROFOUND  
ATTEMPTS TO REFORM LEBANON SO THAT THIS NATION WOULD NO LONGER  
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REMAIN A STUNTED IMAGE OF WHAT IT WAS HALF A CENTURY  
AND A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO.

WHO WILL TRANSLATE THIS TALK INTO POSITIONS AND ACTIONS?  
MR. KARAME IS TRYING TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WHICH HE SAYS HE

WANTS TO BE THAT OF 'THE NEW MAN' IN A NEW HOME.  
HAVE A THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED AND A THOUSAND HOUSES BEEN  
DESTROYED SO THAT A OR B WOULD RETURN TO THE CABINET OR C OR  
D WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM IT?

WOULD LEBANESE ACCEPT A CABINET LIKE THE WORN-OUT  
GOVERNMENTS THAT BROUGHT US TO THE CRISIS OF A THOUSAND DEAD?  
WOULD IT BE A SOLUTION, WHILE OTHERS LIKE IT WERE THE CAUSE?

IS FORMING A GOVERNMENT THE SOLUTION?

WILL THE CRISIS END WITH THE MERE FORMATON OF A GOVERN-  
MENT--ANY GOVERNMENT--SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A IN THE GOVERN-  
MENT AND C EXCLUDED?

OR WILL THE CRISIS START AGAIN TOMORROW EVEN WITH A AND  
WITHOUT C?

"SUCH ARE THE QUESTIONS WITH WHICH THE 'NEW LEBANESE MAN'  
FILLS THE LONG TIME THAT DIVIDES MR. KARAME FROM THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF 'THE NEW HOMELAND.'

SUCH QUESTIONS INCREASINGLY REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL BE THE INSTRUMENT OF SETTLEMENT, NOT  
THE SETTLEMENT ITSELF, AND AN EMERGENCE FROM THE CRISIS, NOT  
A RETURN TO IT.

WHAT THIS GOVERNMENT REQUIRES TO PREVENT ITS FALL AS SOON  
AS IT IS FORMED, WITH OR WITHOUT A COUP, ARE THREE PRACTICAL  
THINGS, WHICH ALL PEOPLE TALK ABOUT AND WRITE TO DEMAND.  
THEY ARE INESCAPABLE THINGS:

FIRST: SECURITY AND STABILITY. THIS IS THE  
SIMPLEST OF THE DEMANDS AND THE MOST DIFFICULT AT THE SAME TIME,  
BECAUSE SECURITY IS NOT A 'POLICE' ISSUE AND CANNOT BE IMPOSED  
BY FORCE ALONE. INSTEAD, IT SHOULD GROW OUT OF A NEW POLITICAL  
CONTRACT.

SECOND: A NEW SOCIAL POLICY, WHICH MUST START TODAY  
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EVEN IF IT TAKES YEARS TO IMPLEMENT. THIS IS BECAUSE THE  
LEBANON'S PROBLEM IS NOT SO MUCH ONE OF REFUGEE CAMPS AS IT  
IS OF CAMHS OF MISERY INHABITED BY LEBANESE FROM AN-NAB'A  
QUARTER TO 'SELLAM' VILLAGE AND OTHERS, IN WHICH VIOLENCE OF A  
MUCH GREATER DIMENSION THAN THAT OF THE PALESTINIANS HAS  
ERUPTED AND IN WHICH TERROR HAS BUILT STRONGHOLDS ON THE BASIS  
OF A GRUDGE AGAINST THE OPPRESSIVE SOCIETY THAT EATS THE FLESH OF  
THE WORKERS, THE POOR, AND THE OPPRESSED. THEY BLOW UP EVEN  
THE SOURCES OF THE LITTLE BREAD THEY RECEIVE (HAVEN'T THEY?), AND  
THEN THEY BURN, KIDNAP, AND KILL, REJOICING IN DESTRUCTION FOR  
THE SAKE OF DESTRUCTION AND IN SUBVERSION FOR THE SAKE OF SUB-

VERSION BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. THUS IS FORMED BETWEEN THE MOST EXTREME LEBANESE 'LEFTISTS' AND THE PALESTINIAN LEFT AN ALLIANCE TO WHICH THE WHOLE RESISTANCE IS GRADUALLY WON OVER BECAUSE THE LEFT IN THIS CONTEXT IS A RESULT MORE THAN A CAUSE--THE RESULT OF A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AND NOT THE CAUSE OF THIS SITUATION AND ITS POLITICAL AND TERRORIST EXTENSIONS.

THIRD: DEFENSE, ARAB, AND FOREIGN POLICIES THAT WILL RESTORE DIGNITY AND STRENGTH TO LEBANON TO ENABLE IT ONCE AGAIN TO INFLUENCE THE DESTINY OF THE AREA OR AT LEAST TO PARTICIPATE IN SELF-DETERMINATION SUFFICIENTLY TO ENABLE IT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON, SO THAT IT WOULD BE UNDER NO ONE'S TUTELAGE.

"THESE THREE DEMANDS WHICH ALL PEOPLE HAVE STATED AND REPEATED SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT, THE GOAL OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND THE GOAL OF THE 'PLAN' ALL OF WHOSE DIMENSIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSUME THAT THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE, RASHID KARAME, IS AWARE OF WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT IT.

EITHER HE IS ABLE TO FORM A GOVERNMENT ABLE TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES AND THUS CREATE A 'NEW LEBANON' WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS THEN REFORMED, ALONG WITH THE 'INSTITUTIONS' THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE HAS TALKED ABOUT (THROUGH CHEHABISM OR WITHOUT IT....

OR THOSE WHO PREVENTED THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS HISTORIC ACTION WILL THEN BE IN COLLUSION WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSING THE INEVITABLE COUP, THE MILITARY REGIME WHICH WILL STEAL 'TIME' AND SLOGANS, AND 'COMMUNIQUE NUMBER ONE', WHICH  
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MIGHT ONE MORNING BE ISSUED EVEN THOUGH IT IS STILL AN ORPHAN\*

THIS COMMUNIQUE IS WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO ISSUE IT. IF WE DO NOT ISSUE IT DEMOCRATICALLY--UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS INSTITUTIONS--AN EXCUSE WILL BE FOUND TO ISSUE IT AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION AND TO DESTROY ITS INSTITUTIONS.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE ONE THING THAT DOES NOT WAIT IS 'TIME', ESPECIALLY IF IT BEARS WITH IT THE SUFFERINGS OF THE TORTURED, GRIEF, TERROR, AND FEAR, IN ADDITION TO A REFUSAL TO BELIEVE IN RIGHTS THAT ARE NOT PROTECTED, FREEDOMS THAT ARE STRAINED, AND HOPES THAT WAITED SO LONG FOR FULFILLMENT THAT THEIR FLOWER WITHERED EVEN THOUGH WE WATERED THEM WITH BLOOD."  
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